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Expenditure in the Victoria Hostel, Madras.

* 1389 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the cost per student per mensem in each of the sections of the Victoria Hostel, Madras, under the following heads was during the months of the year 1927–28, as compared with this year, namely, 1928–29:—

(i) Food,
(ii) Room-rent,
(iii) Establishment charges;

(b) whether the establishment has been reduced between last year and this; and

(c) if so, in what detail and to what extent?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Victoria Hostel, Madras, is managed by a private association. The Government have no information on the points raised in the question.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister will examine the question of appointing a committee to go into this increase or decrease in the Victoria Hostel rates?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I do not think any useful purpose will be served by the appointment of a committee."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know whether he will get the information required?"

Colleges and institutions proposed to be opened in connexion with the Annamalai University.

* 1390 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state what colleges and institutions are contemplated to be established in order to carry out the studies of arts, science, technology and oriental studies in the Annamalai University?

A.—The Sri Minakshi College, which is affiliated to the Madras University in Science groups in the Intermediate and the B.A. (Pass) courses, the Sri Minakshi Sanskrit College, the Sri Minakshi Tamil College, and the Navalar's Tamil College at Chidambaram, will come within the jurisdiction of the Annamalai University. The questions of the future of these institutions and of establishing any other institutions are matters for the consideration of the University after the University authorities are constituted.

Government orders on the report of the Secondary Education Re-organization Committee.

* 1391 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have passed any orders on the report of the Secondary Education Re-organization Committee submitted to them in April 1927; and

(b) whether the report and Government Order thereon will be published and whether copies of the same will be supplied to the Members of the Council?

A.—(a) No.
(b) The suggestion will be considered.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know when the Government will be in a position to pass orders on this report? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I think the orders will perhaps be issued before the end of March."

Teaching of spinning in local board schools in East Godavari.

*1392 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) in how many schools, (i) secondary, (ii) higher elementary and (iii) lower elementary, under the management of local bodies in East Godavari, spinning is taught;
(b) what the capital expenditure is;
(c) what the return if any is; and
(d) what the quantity of yarn is?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d). The Government have no information but have called for it.

Local Boards

Representation of ladies in Municipal Councils and District Boards.

*1393 Q.—Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there are any district boards and municipal councils without lady members?

A.—Yes. There are some district boards and municipal councils which have no lady members.

Village Panchayats

Proposal to introduce a measure giving powers of the village courts to the village panchayats.

*1394 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government propose to introduce a measure giving powers of the village courts to the village panchayats?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1132.

Medical

Appointment of honorary physicians and surgeons in district and taluk headquarter hospitals.

*1395 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have at any time considered the advisability of appointing honorary physicians and surgeons attached to